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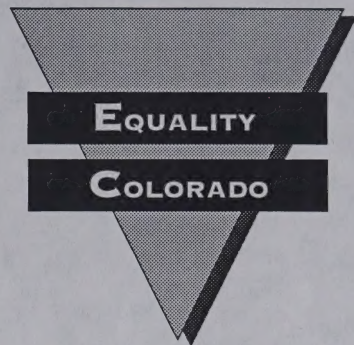
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SEPTEMBER 1997

EQUALITY'S "JUSTICE. Now." CONFERENCE

Glenwood Springs will be host to Equality Colorado's first annual statewide organizing conference, "JUSTICE. Now." October 18-19, 1997. The themes of the conference are building skills, building community, and building a movement. We're looking for 100 activists from all parts of the state to join us for this important (and fun) conference. Among the features:

- Workshops on faith communities, the legislature, violence, and rural organizing;
- Two workshops on fundraising by **Mickey McIntyre** of the Gill Foundation;
- A party in Aspen, hosted by the Aspen Gay and Lesbian Community;
- A luncheon featuring keynote speaker **Tracey Conaty** of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force;
- Snacks and coffees sponsored by PFLAG, CLIP and CORA;
- Regional discussion breakout sessions and a conversation on the direction of Colorado's GLBT movement.

The conference is possible through generous help from the Gill Foundation as well as PFLAG, CORA, CLIP, AGLC, and NGLTF.

ACTION!

- ▶ Register for "JUSTICE. Now." by sending in your conference brochure (call/email us if you need us to send you one) to Equality at the above address.
- Rates are exceptionally low.
- Register at the \$50 level by Sept. 18 and get a 2-night motel stay at 1st Choice Inns along with meals for most of the conference.

We're also looking for help with carpooling, so if you can help others in your area get to Glenwood Springs, LET US KNOW!!!

Complete List of Fall Conferences for GLBT/Supportive Coloradans

SEPTEMBER 20 - 21

"Rockin' the Casbah '97"

Queer Campus Organizing Conference, Univ. of Northern Colorado, Greeley. Hosted by the Greeley Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Assn. Call (970) 351-1484 or email hoga7093@blue.unco.edu.

SEPTEMBER 26-28

"Facing the Fear Together"

Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment's 11th Annual Conference, Colorado Springs. Hosted by The Colorado College. Call (719) 471-8824 or (303) 839-5953, email MSNAB@aol.com.

OCTOBER 18-19

"JUSTICE. Now."

Equality Colorado's first annual statewide organizing conference, 1st Choice Inns, Glenwood Springs. \$50 early bird rate for a 2-night stay with most meals. Call (303) 839-5540 or email ecjonathan@aol.com.

OCTOBER 25

"BLGLF Fall Symposium"

Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum, Colo. Chapter's conference will focus on Fitness & Wellness. Jocelyn Elders, former US Surgeon General, will keynote. Denver Doubletree Inn. Call (303) 322-5029.

NOVEMBER 1

"Claiming the Western Spirit"

Equality Colorado's Voices of Faith will host a one-day Western Slope conference on GLBT issues and faith communities in Ridgway, CO. Call (303) 839-5540 or email eclarene@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 12-16

"Creating Change"

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force 10th annual conference, San Diego, CA. Featuring Sheila James Kuehl, Martín Ornelas-Quintero, & Dorothy Allison. Call (202) 332-6483 x3329 or visit www.nglrf.org/cc97.

Sen. Campbell's Vocal Anti-gay Stance

Apparently out to prove that his vote against the Employment Non-Discrimination Act was no fluke, Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell is publicly standing firm against justice for GLBT people. A Northern Colo. activist reports that Sen. Campbell, at a Ft. Collins town meeting on Aug. 26, brought up his Catholic upbringing when explaining his anti-ENDA vote and his desire to avoid seeming to support the "gay lifestyle."

ACTION! Sen. Campbell can be contacted at 380 Russell Senate Bldg., Washington, DC, 20510 • (202) 224-5852. Denver phone (303) 866-1900, fax (303) 866-1919.

News and updates

Focus Co-Founder Apologizes!: A co-founder of Focus on the Family has apologized to women, people of color, gays and lesbians, and non-Christians for the misleading and hateful words that are now the hallmark of the organization he helped to create. Gil Alexander-Moegerle, one of the 7 founders of Focus, urged Dr. James Dobson to stop his scapegoating and attacks on the separation of church and state in America. In related news, on Aug. 27 Dr. Dobson called for his followers to join the Disney boycott.

US West Grants DP Benefits

Perhaps the next time you speak to an operator at US West, his or her same-sex partner will be covered under the company's new domestic partner policy, which will be in place at the beginning of 1998. US West is one of the largest employers in Colorado and the region.

ACTION! Thank US West for taking this important step (before the radical right does!). Contact: Toni Ozeroff, V.P. Law & Corporate HR • 7800 E. Orchard, Suite 200, Englewood, CO 80111 • (303) 793-6450 • aoserof@uswest.com. If you are interested in getting domestic partner benefits at your place of employment, call Colorado Workplace Coalition at (303) 538-5353 or Hollywood Supports at (213) 468-1270, email: HSupports@aol.com.

LambdaCom Seeks Board Members

LambdaCom, producers of the Lambda Report and other productions, are looking for interested people to serve on their board. Two positions are available; those with experience in fundraising and television production are especially encouraged to apply.

ACTION! To apply for a board position, contact Frank Berndt at (303) 399-6093 or fberndt@tde.com.

EQUALITY CALENDAR

September 1997

10TH ANNUAL AIDS WALK COLORADO • Sunday, **September 7** at 9:30 a.m., Denver's Cheesman Park. Join Equality Colorado's first walking team. Proceeds will go to a number of HIV/AIDS service and education agencies throughout Colorado. To join Equality's team, contact Michelle at (303) 839-5540 or for more information, call AIDS Walk at (303) 861-WALK.

WESTERN COLORADO AIDS WALK • Sunday, **September 7** beginning at 1:00 p.m., Grand Junction. The walk starts and ends at Lincoln Park (the Lincoln Park Barn) at the Corner of 12th St. and Gunnison. All money raised will go to Western Colorado AIDS Project, which serves 25 counties in Western Colorado. For more information call WestCAP at (970) 243-2437.

PUEBLO AIDS WALK • Sunday, **September 7** starting at 9:00 a.m. Greenway Nature Center, Pueblo. Proceeds will benefit HIV/AIDS service and education efforts in Pueblo. To register, call (719) 583-5302.

SECOND MONDAYS • Monday, **September 8**, 7:00 p.m., Family of Christ Presbyterian Church, 2410 35th Ave, Greeley. Join Weld County organizers working on creating a speakers bureau.

SUMMERFEST • Friday-Sunday, **September 12-14**. Aspen's warmer version of Ski Week features parties, outdoor activities and more! Call (970) 925-9249 for details.

DELTA POTLUCK • Sunday, **September 14**, 5:00 p.m. Join your friends in Delta County at a community gathering. Call Jonathan at (303) 839-5540 for details.

GLBT HISTORY PROJECT • Next meeting, Wednesday, **September 17**. Contact Jonathan at (303) 839-5540 or ecjonathan@aol.com.

INAUGURAL GAY AND LESBIAN BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARDS • Thursday, **September 18**, 7:00 p.m. Phipps Tennis Pavilion, 3400 Belcaro Dr., Denver. Presented by the Colorado Business Council. \$25 includes beverages and hors d'oeuvres. For information, call the CBC hotline at (303) 595-8042.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND JOB DISCRIMINATION WORKSHOP • Thursday, **September 18**, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Denver. Learn what to do at work and through the legal system if you have experienced sexual harassment or other types of discrimination on the job. For more information call 9to5, National Association of Working Women at (303) 866-0925 or 1-800-522-0925.

MORGAN COUNTY POTLUCK • Sunday, **September 20**, 1997. If you live in or know someone in NE Colorado, the monthly pot-lucks are great! Call Jonathan at Equality, (303) 839-5540.

October 1997

GREELEY SPEAKER'S TRAINING • Saturday, **October 4**, 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m. Be a part of Greeley's speaker project. Sponsored by Second Mondays and Speakers Project to End Discrimination. For more information, contact GGLBA at (970) 351-1484.

PUEBLO PRIDE WEEK • **October 2 - 11**. Featuring events such as a Masquerade Dance at Aqua Splash Night Club, PFLAG Fruit Social in City Park, and a talk by Rev. Laurene Lafontaine of Equality Colorado. For more information, contact One In Ten at (719) 549-2082.